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Note by the Secretariat

Draft organization of work

Monday, 5 March		
P.M.		Opening of the session by the Secretary-General Election of officers Introductory statement by the Secretary-General of the Conference Adoption of the agenda Organization of work
Tuesday, 6 March		
A.M. and P.M.	Item 3	General discussion
Wednesday, 7 March		
A.M. and P.M.	Item 3	General discussion
Thursday, 8 March		
A.M.		No meeting (Morning reserved for Groups to meet)
P.M.	Item 3	Informal consultations
6 P.M.		Deadline for submission of proposals under item 3

Friday, 9 March		
A.M.		No meeting (Morning reserved for Groups to meet)
P.M.	Item 3	Informal consultations
Monday, 12 March		
A.M.	Items 4 and 5	General discussion
P.M.	Items 3, 4 and 5	Informal consultations
Tuesday, 13 March		
A.M.		No meeting (Morning reserved for Groups to meet)
P.M.	Items 3, 4 and 5	Informal consultations
Wednesday, 14 March		
A.M. and P.M.		Consideration of all outstanding draft proposals
Thursday, 15 March		
P.M.		Consideration of draft report
Friday, 16 March		
A.M.		Conclusion of the work of the session

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Draft report of the Preparatory Committee

Part one

ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Preparatory Committee held its organizational session at United Nations Headquarters from 5 to 16 March 1990. The Committee held ... meetings.

2. The session was opened by the Secretary-General.

3. At the 1st meeting, on 5 March, the Secretary-General of the Conference made an introductory statement.

B. Attendance

4. The following States were represented: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Holy See, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland,

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Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zambia.

5. The World Food Council was represented.

6. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organisation, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, International Telecommunication Union, World Meteorological Organization, International Fund for Agricultural Development and United Nations Industrial Development Organization. The International Atomic Energy Agency was also represented.

7. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee, Commonwealth Secretariat, Commission of the European Communities and Organization of American States.

C. Election of officers

8. At the 1st meeting, on 5 March, the Preparatory Committee elected Mr. Tommy Koh (Singapore) Chairman of the Committee by acclamation.

D. Adoption of the agenda

9. The Committee considered its agenda and the organization of work at the 1st and 2nd meetings, on 5 and 7 March. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Provisional agenda (A/CONF.151/PC/1);

(b) Draft organization of work (A/CONF.151/PC/L.1);

(c) Note by the Chairman (A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.1 and Rev.1 and 2).

10. At the 2nd meeting, on 7 March, the representative of Bolivia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77) proposed to amend the provisional agenda for the session by adding the words "on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions" at the end of agenda item 3.

11. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted its provisional agenda, as orally amended. The agenda as adopted is as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda.

3. Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions.

4. Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee.

5. Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee.

12. At the same meeting, the representative of Guyana proposed to amend the note by the Chairman (A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.1/Rev.1) by deleting sub-item (b).

13. The Preparatory Committee decided to consider the note by the Chairman (A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.1/Rev.1), as orally amended, as a resource paper under agenda item 3. The paper was issued as document A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.1/Rev.2.

E. Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions

14. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 3 at its 3rd to ... meetings, from 7 to ... March. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (A/CONF.151/PC/2 and Add.1).

15. The Preparatory Committee held a general discussion of the item at the 3rd to 5th meetings, on 7 and 8 March.

16. At the 3rd meeting, on 7 March, the Committee heard statements by the representatives of Sweden, Bolivia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), Brazil, Algeria, India, Japan, Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Canada, Norway, Barbados and Australia.

17. At the 4th meeting, on 8 March, the Committee heard statements by the representatives of Finland, Colombia, Switzerland, Romania, China, Malaysia, New Zealand, Mexico and Austria.

18. At the 5th meeting, on 8 March, the Committee heard statements by the representatives of Singapore, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Argentina, the United States of America, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Pakistan, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Uruguay, Bangladesh, Guyana and Nigeria.

19. At the 6th meeting, on 9 March, the Committee began its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the United Nations

Conference on Environment and Development (A/CONF.151/PC/2 and Add.1). The Secretary-General of the Conference made a statement.

20. At the same meeting, the Chairman introduced document A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.1/Rev.2 and informed the Committee that the Secretariat would prepare four conference room papers on sub-items (b), (c), (d) and (e).

21. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Norway, Switzerland, Japan, Canada, Bolivia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), Cuba, Brazil, Bangladesh, Uganda, the Philippines, Barbados, Peru, Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Venezuela, Egypt, New Zealand, Sweden, Colombia, Algeria, Tunisia and Uruguay.

22. At the 7th meeting, on 12 March, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Mauritania, Norway, Japan, Finland, Switzerland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Bolivia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), Iceland, Algeria, Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Nigeria and Malawi.

23. For action taken by the Committee on the recommendations contained in documents A/CONF.151/PC/2 and Add.1, see part three of the present report.

24. At the 8th meeting, on 13 March, the Secretary-General of the Conference introduced suggested guidelines concerning regional contributions (A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.2) and suggested guidelines for national participation (A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.3).

25. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Malawi, Egypt, Mexico, Canada, Argentina, the Philippines, Norway, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Sweden, Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), New Zealand, Bangladesh, Pakistan, India and Bolivia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77).

26. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the World Meteorological Organization and the International Labour Organisation.

27. The representative of the Organization of American States also made a statement.

28. For action taken by the Committee on the suggested guidelines for national participation (A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.3), see part three of the present report.

29. At the 9th meeting, on 14 March, the Secretary-General of the Conference introduced the suggested guidelines concerning the contributions of the United

Nations Environment Programme, other organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and other relevant intergovernmental organizations to the preparations of the Conference (A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.4) and the suggested guidelines on how relevant non-governmental organizations can make their contribution to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.5).

30. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Mexico, Cuba, the United States of America, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Norway, Bolivia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), India and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

31. Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme.

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Part three

MATTERS CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. The Preparatory Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

DRAFT DECISION I

Secretariat for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

The General Assembly decides that the Secretariat for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development shall have the following mandates and responsibilities:

(a) To provide the secretariat support for the Preparatory Committee and its Bureau and each of the working groups. This would include responsibility for organizing meetings of the Preparatory Committee, its Bureau and working groups, co-ordination of documentation for them and provision of necessary administrative and substantive support for their work, including organizing and overseeing contributions of consultants and expert groups;

(b) Co-ordination of support from the United Nations system required by the Preparatory Committee for the Conference, including the provision of information about the activities of the United Nations system in areas related to the preparatory process, as well as from the Preparatory Committee to the system on the progress of the preparatory process;

(c) Provision of information to the Preparatory Committee regarding relevant work carried out by other organizations and in other fora, and close co-ordination with such organizations and fora, including information to them on the progress of the preparatory process, keeping in mind in that respect the importance of regional activities;

(d) Co-ordination of a programme of public information for the Conference in co-operation with the Department of Public Information, and in relation thereto, ongoing contact and relationships with the media;

(e) Facilitation of a programme of broad participation by non-governmental, citizen and other private-sector groups in activities related to and supportive of the Conference.

MATTERS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2. The Preparatory Committee brings the following draft decisions to the attention of the General Assembly:

DRAFT DECISION II

Secretariat support and related arrangements

The Preparatory Committee decides:

(a) To take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (A/CONF.151/PC/2 and Add. 1 and 2);

(b) To recommend that the proposals contained therein on secretariat support and related arrangements be transmitted to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session for necessary action, bearing in mind the comments made by members of the Preparatory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to make proposals for adequate funding, through the regular budget, for the holding of regional conferences on environment and development, in the light of the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 44/228.

DRAFT DECISION III

Guidelines for national participation

The Preparatory Committee takes note of the Secretariat's suggestions for guidelines for national participation (A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.3) and requests the Secretariat to compile the relevant information and prepare detailed guidelines on the preparation of national reports for submission to the Preparatory Committee at its first session for its consideration.

DRAFT DECISION IV

Establishment and operations of the voluntary fund

The Preparatory Committee requests the Secretariat to report to it at its first session on the establishment and operations of the voluntary fund, bearing in mind the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 44/228.

DRAFT DECISION V

Non-governmental organizations

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, noting that:

(a) In resolution 44/228, section II, paragraph 12, the General Assembly requested relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to contribute to the Conference, as appropriate;

(b) In section II, paragraph 11, of the same resolution, the General Assembly invited all States to take an active part in the preparations for the Conference, to prepare national reports, as appropriate, to be submitted to the Preparatory Committee in a timely manner and to promote international co-operation and broad-based national preparatory processes involving the scientific community, industry, trade unions and concerned non-governmental organizations; and

(c) In paragraph 33 of his report to the Preparatory Committee, the Secretary-General stated that the community of non-governmental organizations had an extensive network and keen interest in a wide range of environmental and development issues which could enrich and enhance the deliberations of the Conference and its preparatory process through its contributions and serve as an important channel to disseminate its results, as well as to promote the integration of environmental and development policies at the national and the international levels and that it is therefore important that non-governmental organizations contribute effectively to the success of the Conference and its preparatory process;

decides that the Secretariat should submit to it at its first session suggested arrangements for involving the non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process for the Conference and, at a later stage, make suggestions regarding the participation of the non-governmental organizations at the Conference itself.

DRAFT DECISION VI

Guidelines concerning the contributions of the United Nations Environment Programme, other organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and relevant intergovernmental organizations to the preparations for the Conference

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development decides to adopt the following guidelines with regard to contributions of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations active in the field of environment and development relevant to the preparatory process for the Conference:

(a) The Preparatory Committee should make full use of all relevant work under way or mandated in organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and in relevant intergovernmental organizations, inasmuch as such work relates, to the mandate of the Conference;

(b) In taking into account the relevant work under way in the United Nations system, the Preparatory Committee may wish to identify at an early stage of its work:

(i) Activities which relate directly to the objectives of the Conference;

(ii) Activities which, while generally supportive of the objectives of the Conference, may need to be complemented;

(iii) Gaps which may need to be filled in accordance with the objectives of the Conference;

(iv) Specific actions which the Preparatory Committee might expect the Conference to take;

(v) Measures to be taken during the preparatory process to facilitate those actions;

(c) The interactive nature of the process should be guided by the requirements the Preparatory Committee may have in the final drafting of the decisions to be submitted to the Conference;

(d) The Preparatory Committee, in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 9, section II, of General Assembly resolution 44/228, should, on the basis of the analysis outlined in (b) above, transmit its views, recommendations and guidelines related to the Conference to the relevant organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system so as to facilitate ongoing and enhance effective co-ordination of the preparatory process and full integration of all pertinent activities, in the light of the Conference mandate;

(e) The Preparatory Committee may then wish to invite the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system in turn to examine its recommendations related to the Conference and take them into account in the evolution of their work programmes, in order to ensure, to the extent possible, that their respective activities are mutually supportive and complementary;

(f) The interactive nature of the process should also guide the relationships between the Secretariat of the Conference, the relevant organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and relevant intergovernmental organizations through close co-operation;

(g) For those many intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system that have important contributions to make, especially at the regional level, the Secretariat should explore various ways to secure those contributions and integrate them fully with those of the system in so far as they are relevant to the agenda and contribute to action-oriented decisions of the Conference.

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Part two

E. Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions

1. At the 10th meeting, on 14 March, statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Iceland, China, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Bolivia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries) and Canada.

2. At the 11th meeting, on 15 March, the Under-Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

3. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Bolivia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), Tunisia, Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Peru, Pakistan, Brazil, Egypt, Cuba, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Norway, Canada, Papua New Guinea, Malta, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Nigeria, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United States of America, India and Mexico.

4. The representative of the International Fund for Agricultural Development also made a statement.

5. At the 12th meeting, on 15 March, the Secretary-General of the Conference introduced a note by the Secretariat on public information programmes (A/CONF.151/PC/2/Add.2).

Preparations for the Conference

6. At the 12th meeting, on 15 March, the representative of Ireland, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community, introduced a draft decision (A/CONF.151/PC/L.3) entitled "Preparations for the Conference".

Organization of work of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

7. At the 12th meeting, on 15 March, the representative of Bolivia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/CONF.151/PC/L.4) entitled "Organization of work of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development" and orally corrected operative paragraph 8 by replacing the words "and to request the Secretary-General" by the words "and requests the Secretary-General".

8. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of China, Sweden, Japan, Canada, Bahrain, Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Australia, Bolivia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77) and Malta.

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PREPARATIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ON THE BASIS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 44/228 AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OTHER RELEVANT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

Ireland:* draft decision

Preparations for the Conference

1. The Preparatory Committee decides to establish two working groups:

(a) Working Group I will deal with matters relating to protection of the atmosphere, protection of the oceans and seas, environmentally sound management of wastes and toxic chemicals, and their relation to development;

(b) Working Group II will deal with natural resources, including fresh water; land degradation and desertification; biodiversity and biotechnology; and their relation to development.

2. The working groups will:

(a) Work under the authority of the Preparatory Committee;

(b) Be open-ended;

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* On behalf of States members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community.

(c) Meet during the substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee and/or intersessionally, and/or establish sub-groups, as appropriate, within existing appropriations;

(d) Submit progress reports to the Preparatory Committee;

(e) Identify strategies to promote sustainable and environmentally sound development in all countries, with appropriate recommendations for action at the national and international levels;

(f) Assess, as a first task, the extent of the work to be done in other relevant forums, in order to:

(i) Consider how that work can be integrated into the strategies to be developed, while avoiding duplication of effort;

(ii) Identify the need for new or additional activities;

(g) While developing the strategies, examine the relationship between environment and development, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/228; examine, as appropriate, such issues as institutions, human resource development, health, funding, transfer of technology, economic instruments, environmental awareness programmes; and consider appropriate, related, sectoral measures, in such sectors as industry, agriculture, energy, transport, as well as trade policy implications etc.;

(h) Take into account protection of the environment and problems with the quality of life - in particular, the living and working environment of the poor in urban slums and rural areas.

3. The Preparatory Committee decides that at a later stage it will consider establishing a cross-sectoral group, the primary task of which would be synthesis and the preparation of conference decisions, including recommendations for their implementation. The Preparatory Committee will also consider establishing, as appropriate, ad hoc groups on legal and other relevant issues, including institutional issues within existing appropriations.

4. The Preparatory Committee decides to request the Chairman to engage in consultations before the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee, so that he may be able to make proposals for more specific mandates of the working groups.

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Bolivia:* draft resolution on the Organization of work of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

The Preparatory Committee,

Stressing the importance of full compliance with General Assembly resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989 on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and other relevant General Assembly resolutions,

Recognizing that the Preparatory Committee is the relevant body for all the issues contained in General Assembly resolution 44/228,

Noting that ongoing negotiating processes are being held within the United Nations system on environmental issues,

Stressing that environmental and developmental issues should be dealt with in an integrated manner, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 44/228,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

1. Decides to review and assess the ongoing negotiating processes in the field of environment;

2. Decides also that the forums of such ongoing negotiating processes should report regularly on their activities to the substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee, in accordance with the guidelies and requirements established by it;

3. Decides further that, in accordance with operative paragraph 8, section II, of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and other relevant resolutions, the plenary of the Preparatory Committee shall, inter alia:

(a) Establish, in light of the above paragraphs, guidelines for the reporting system of those forums to the Preparatory Committee, through the ad hoc Conference secretariat, on their ongoing negotiating processes;

(b) Give guidance to the negotiating processes on the basis of the information provided by the relevant forums;

(c) Deal with cross-sectoral issues on a broad basis, such as technology, finance, institutions and legal matters, with a view to harmonizing the different approaches that such issues will receive when treated within the context of the ongoing processes and of the tasks assigned to subsidiary bodies;

(d) Consider the drafting of a final declaration of the Conference as well as other possible decisions and recommendations;

(e) Review the work of its subsidiary bodies or working structures and establish guidelines for their work;

4. Decides to establish two open-ended working groups to assist the Preparatory Committee in fulfiling its mandate in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/228 and other relevant General Assembly resolutions;

5. Decides also to deal, in accordance with the relevant paragraphs of General Assembly resolution 44/228, with legal, institutional and all related matters in an open-ended working group to be set up at a later stage;

6. Decides further that the working groups, in carrying out their tasks, under the authority of the Preparatory Committee, shall:

(a) Meet immediately before the Preparatory Committee, at the same venue, and submit progress reports to the Committee on their ongoing work. No more than two working groups shall meet simultaneously;

(b) Integrate the ongoing negotiating processes in the United Nations system on environmental issues into the work of the Preparatory Committee, by addressing them in an interrelated manner with the developing aspect;

(c) Submit draft proposals for the consideration of the Preparatory Committee;

7. Decides also, in ensuring an integrated approach to environmental and development questions, as reflected in General Assembly resolution 44/228, to allocate to the two working groups issues such as:

Working Group I: Protection of the atmosphere by combating climate change; transboundary air pollution, protection of the oceans, all kinds of seas, including enclosed and semi-enclosed areas, and coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources; protection and management of land resources by, inter alia, combating deforestation, desertification and drought; environmentally sound management of wastes, particularly hazardous wastes, and of toxic chemicals as well as prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes, taking fully into account their developmental implications, in particular patterns of consumption and production; protection of human health, conditions and improvement of the quality of life, as well as the financial resource requirements; access to and transfer of environmentally sound technology; human resources development; and institutional arrangements.

Working Group II: Protection of the quality and supply of fresh water resources; conservation and use of biological diversity; environmentally sound management of biotechnology, taking fully into account its developmental implications; the improvement of the living and working conditions of the poor in urban slums and rural areas; attainment of food security; eradication of poverty, as well as the financial resource requirements; access to and transfer of environmentally sound technology; human resources development; and institutional arrangements.

8. Invites all pertinent organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Environment Programme, and other intergovernmental organizations to present regularly to the Preparatory Committee concise reports on their ongoing work in matters related to environment and development, to strengthen and enhance the co-ordination of their activities related to the issues of the Conference and to request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to inform the Preparatory Committee on the progress of that co-ordination;

9. Recommends the convening, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/228, of preparatory regional conferences, under the regional commissions and with the collaboration of the United Nations Environment Programme and other relevant bodies in the field of environment and development, to contribute fully to the preparatory process of the Conference;

10. Decides to make specific resource allocations for that purpose out of the proposed budget for the Conference;

11. Requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to present to the Preparatory Committee, in time for each substantive session, a concise report on the ongoing work by the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and by other intergovernmental organizations in matters related to environment and development, as stipulated in General Assembly resolution 44/228;

12. Further requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to make arrangements for intergovernmental organizations engaged in relevant activities to submit, on a regular basis, progress reports to the substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee in order for it to prepare, in a fully integrated manner, draft decisions for the Conference.